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1. This morning the Department of Defense released to the Congress the Military Construction Act for 1955 including as Title IV a request for authorization for \$56,000,000 for the acquisition of land and construction of a building for CIA. The accompanying press release contained a typographical error setting the acquisition of land figure at \$16,000,000 rather than \$6,000,000. Col. Grogan called the Department of Defense, which attempted to rectify the error on as many copies as possible. However, copies had been delivered to the individual members of Congress. Subsequently, a corrected copy of the press release was sent to them.

2. I called Cong. Broyhill (R., Va.) and informed him of the forthcoming release of the Military Construction Act and that we were requesting a total of \$56,000,000 therein. Cong. Broyhill was appreciative of the information. He stated that he was in complete accord with our purposes in this matter and if needed he would be glad to appear before the Armed Services Committee or take up the cudgels on the Floor. He said he was particularly anxious that we get into a new building so that the old temporary buildings could be destroyed. Mr. Broyhill went on to state that since we had told Langley in effect "to go to hell" Langley had developed a considerable desire to have the CIA building constructed there, and County officials were going to work to try to remove the obstacles to our coming. Mr. Broyhill stated that in his opinion CIA should not be stuck with the cost of the extension of the George Washington Parkway and that he had so informed Mr. Brundage, of the Bureau of the Budget. He closed his conversation with renewed expressions of complete support.

In addition to Mr. Broyhill, I informed Mr. Menefee, Admin. Ass't. to Sen. Byrd, Mr. Knight, Secretary to Sen. Beall, Mr. Hood, Admin. Ass't. to Sen. Butler, and Mr. McNeill, Admin. Ass't. to Sen. Robertson, that the Military Construction Act was on its way to Capitol Hill, and that in view of their interest in the CIA building we wished them to know that Title IV contained our request for authorization. I also called their attention to the typographical error. Each in turn expressed appreciation for our thoughtfulness. I told Mr. McNeill that Col. White was always available to brief Sen. Robertson if the latter desired more information concerning our need for a building. Mr. McNeill said that the Senator's main interest was that the building be located in Virginia, but that he was taking no position as between sites. (cc - DD/Support)

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3. Mr. Kennedy, Counsel to the Senate Investigations Subcommittee, called me to state that Paul Kamerick and Donald O'Donnell of the Committee staff were leaving for Europe on 22 April to look into the refugee camps and refugee situation. Mr. Kennedy said their interest was not on the detailed workings of the program but rather on the things which selected refugees might say regarding life behind the Iron Curtain. In particular, they were hoping to find a few refugees who might come to the United States and testify on these matters. In this connection, Mr. Kennedy was seeking our help in whatever way we could be of assistance. I informed Mr. Kennedy that I would discuss the matter further with him tomorrow. I recommended to Mr. Kirkpatrick that in view of our good experiences in the past with Mr. Kamerick, this might be the type of matter in which we could be helpful to the Committee, and he has agreed that we should explore the Committee's needs further and inform them that we will be in touch with them in Europe.

4. In response to the request of Sen. Hayden's office for information regarding the scope of Russian propaganda, I have informed Mr. Koch, of the Senator's office, that our best estimate of Soviet international broadcasts of propaganda material is that it consumes approximately 615 broadcast hours per week exclusive of music; that this is an average of 87 hours per day, or approximately 868,000 words per day for this purpose. Fifty-five transmitters are in use for these propaganda broadcasts. I asked Mr. Koch not to cite CIA as the source of this material, and he said that the Senator would not do so. He was very pleased with the figures given him and the cooperation.

25X1 5. [] Mr. Warner and I discussed the problems which would be raised if H.R. 3882 became law. This bill calls for exemption to certain provisions of the Alien Registration Act and the Internal Security Act. However, it is possible that the Immigration and Naturalization Service might require that the State Department include in its visa application forms certain questions regarding whether the applicants had received training in foreign intelligence services which questions might prove to be very embarrassing to intelligence personnel of friendly nations. 25X1 [] will discuss this problem with the Immigration Service to see what they are planning in this connection.

25X1 6. [] of TSS, called to appeal a ruling of this office to the effect that if certain testimony which was to be given before the House Judiciary Committee on 21 April on the subject of wiretapping gadgets were

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to be held in Executive Session this Agency would not wish to have an observer present. [] asked to appeal this ruling. After talking with Mr. Kirkpatrick, I pointed out to [] that the whole wire-tapping bill was a very sensitive matter insofar as CIA was concerned in that it was purely an internal security matter from which we were barred by statute; that we had told the Committee we did not wish to testify on the bill because it was outside of our jurisdiction; and that therefore I do not wish to approach the Committee with a request to have a CIA man in their Executive Session.

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